

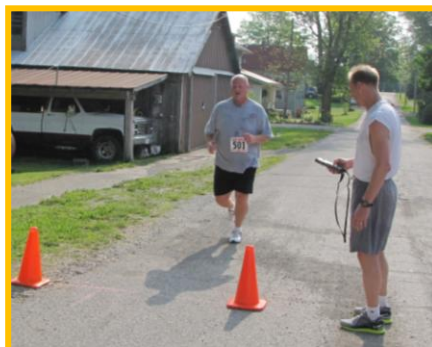


Friday
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Weekly Views

Seven Wabash Valley Care Packages have found their mark overseas. Wabash sent packages filled with snacks, games, hygiene items, thank-you notes and much more to deployed staffers Nathan McKinney and Michael Petty. Petty, based in Iraq, told Superintendent Dick Brown how thankful he is for the donated items, especially the mail. He added the goods came at a great time, since the PX there will be closing down soon!

Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) held its inaugural MCF Prison Breakout 5K Fun Run/Walk, bringing in nearly 60 people from the facility and the public varying in age from 14 to 67 years. The event was sponsored by the Correctional Employee Appreciation and IN Shape committees to promote fitness and to raise money for appreciation events. The run netted \$558, half of which will go to appreciation events and the other half to the Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund. (see photo below of Superintendent Sevier crossing the finish line)



A Shifting Gears program was recently implemented at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. In collaboration with Bicycles of America and Volunteers of America, the program provides additional offender jobs and a service to the community.

Three students from Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility participated in a community service project planting flowers for the Jefferson County Animal Shelter.

Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) Assistant Superintendent of Re-Entry Duane Alsip and PCF Chaplain Mark Dodd presented a check in the amount of \$1076.69 to Reverend Lamar Imes, the Associate Superintendent of the Indiana North Central District of the United Methodist Church. The money will be directed to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in connection with recent global disasters. The money was raised through donations from PCF offenders and from the profits of a Fresh Favorites food sale conducted by Aramark.

Intra City Little League hosted their opening day due to the continuing support of the Indiana State Prison (ISP). ISP staff and offenders have supported league teams, which allow children from local neighborhoods surrounding the prison to play in the baseball league.

Students from New Castle's Vocational Occupational Health class toured the New Castle Correctional Facility to see a different perspective in health care.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility hosted a Community Advisory Board meeting during which Superintendent Knight presented facility updates, staff gave program overviews, and Assistant Superintendent Grage introduced offenders in recognition of their contribution to the Black History Month Essay Contest.

New Castle Correctional Facility held a Staff Recall where Tamera Ankrom was named Employee of the Month and Daniel Sutherland was named Correctional Officer of the Month. Several other staff were also recognized with SPOT Awards.

Indiana State Prison Superintendent William K. Wilson announced with great pleasure the promotion of three Correctional Officers to Correctional Sergeants. Joshua Fagan, Debra Fly-Nelson and Beachi Gothard were recently promoted to Correctional Sergeants.

Miami Correctional Facility has recently honored many of its staff members with Operational and Employee of the Month awards. Those receiving Operational awards were: Sgt. Brandon Williams, "Inspires a Shared Vision"; Sgt. Rita Beemer, "Encourages the Heart"; Sgt. James Cree, "Encourages others to Act"; Lt. Dustin McCord, "Challenge the Process". Those named as Employee of the Month (non-custody) include: Scott Kenworthy, Wendy Layden, Denise Ross, and Clair Barnes. Those named Supervisor of the Month include: Sgt. Bradley Holt, Sgt. Jessica Evans, Tony Cropper, and Tricia Pretorius. Those named Officer of the Month include: Sgt. Mathew Jones and Officer Christopher Gray.



Purdue North Central held the last graduation of the year at the Indiana State Prison, Minimum Security Unit. Ten offenders received Associate Degrees and one offender received a Bachelor of Science Degree. Superintendent Wilson congratulated the men on their endeavor and reminded about the value of hard work.

Criminal Justice students from Harrison College in Anderson, IN toured the New Castle Correctional Facility.

Barack Meives, an employee at Miami Correctional Facility since December 2004, was pinned as a lieutenant. Meives was hired in as an officer and promoted to sergeant in March 2007. He also received an Operational Award "Encourage the Heart" in the third quarter of 2009 and Supervisor of the Month in April 2010. (see photo left)